

## KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Administration Building - Room 310

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Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chair James R. Saalfeld.

Present: Commissioners Antor, Bolter, Brieve, Chivis, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Jones, Kallman, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Shroll, Stek, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Chair Saalfeld - 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Talen introduced Reverend Kathy Smith, Associate Director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Kent County Parks Foundation

Kate Meyer, Executive Director of the Kent County Parks Foundation, gave a brief update (copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office). The Parks Foundation, founded in 1999, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to connect people to parks by expanding and improving parkland, protecting the environment and preserving wildlife. Currently, Kent County has 38 parks and four inter-community trails. The Parks Foundation's fundraising projects help to build, expand and sustain County parks.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ellie Webster, 3330 Centennial, Cascade - Transgender member of Grand Rapids Pride. She said that there is a lot of misinformation on transgender issues, so if anyone has any questions, please ask.
2. Cadence Morton, 7370 Palomino Place, Caledonia – A transgender woman who shared her story and is living a happier, more fulfilling life now after struggling with her identity for years.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of May 26, 2016, Meeting
- b) Resolutions:

#### 6-9-16-47 – APPROVAL OF EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES TO SERVE IMPROVEMENTS IN DWIGHT LYDELL PARK / PARKS

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy Company requires an easement granting a 30-foot wide electric easement for overhead facilities and a 12-foot wide electric easement for

underground facilities as a condition of obtaining electric service to facilities in Dwight Lydell Park;  
and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is agreeable to granting the easement; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement as to  
form; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and  
Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby  
approves an Easement Agreement granting Consumers Energy Company a 30-foot wide electric  
easement for overhead facilities and a 12-foot wide electric easement for underground facilities  
to serve improvements in Dwight Lydell Park.

6-9-16-48 – APPROVAL OF EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES TO SERVE THE MEADOWS OF  
MILLENNIUM PARK / PARKS

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy Company requires an easement granting a 30-foot  
wide electric easement for overhead facilities and a 12-foot wide electric easement for  
underground facilities as a condition of obtaining electric service to the Meadows of Millennium  
Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department is agreeable to granting the easement; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement as to  
form; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and  
Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby  
approves an Easement Agreement granting Consumers Energy Company a 30-foot wide electric  
easement for overhead facilities and a 12-foot wide electric easement for underground facilities  
to serve the Meadows of Millennium Park.

6-9-16-49 – TWO RIVERS PARK – MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  
GRANT REQUIREMENTS / PARKS

WHEREAS, in 2015, the County obtained a grant from the Michigan Department of  
Natural Resources (MDNR) Trust Fund to purchase property to expand the future Two Rivers Park;  
and

WHEREAS, the MDNR Project Agreement requires the County to provide a  
declaration and notice that the property was acquired with funding assistance from the MDNR  
Trust Fund and is subject to certain requirements to ensure the long-term conservation of the  
property and its use for public outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also requires that the County grant a perpetual  
nonparticipating royalty equal to one-sixth of the gross proceeds of any oil and/or gas and other  
minerals produced from the property. No oil and/or gas extraction or other mineral mining is  
currently taking place, and the Parks Department does not anticipate any such activity in the

future; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration and Notice and the Warranty Deed for the perpetual nonparticipating royalty have been reviewed and approved as to form by Corporate Counsel; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the Board Chair to sign a declaration and notice and a royalty deed to the State of Michigan as required by the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Project Agreement which granted funds to expand the future Two Rivers Park.

Motion by Commissioner Talen, seconded by Commissioner Brieve, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Jones, Bolter, Stek, Ponstein, Voorhees, Kallman, Brieve, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Talen, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Saalfeld – 19.

Nays: 0.

#### RESOLUTIONS

##### 6-9-16-50 – LABOR AGREEMENT: KENT COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee recommends approval of a two-and-one-half-year labor contract with the Kent County Deputy Sheriff's Association, which represents 231 members; and

WHEREAS, wages will increase two percent annually in 2016, 2017, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, a second wage tier will be created for employees hired on or after July 1, 2016. These employees will take 19.5 years to reach top pay; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, employees' share of healthcare premiums will increase from 17.5 percent to 20 percent. The additional \$25 per pay period healthcare contribution for employees whose spouses decline available health coverage by their employers will also be deleted. In 2017, \$250 single/\$500 family deductibles will be added to the HMO plan. In 2018, the out-of-pocket maximum under the County's healthcare plans will increase by \$1,000 (with a corresponding reduction of \$1,000 in the prescription out-of-pocket maximum to maintain compliance with limits set forth under the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act); and

WHEREAS, a new insured long-term disability program will replace the pension plan non-duty disability program for employees hired on or after July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the employee pension plan contribution cap will increase from 8.5 percent of pay to 9.5 percent of pay in 2017. Retirement eligibility for employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, will be: 25 years of credited service and age 50, 5 years of credited service and age 60, 15 years of credited service and age 55; and

WHEREAS, a second tier of vacation and paid time off will be implemented for employees hired on or after July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the total two-and-one-half-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$1,148,229; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for employees to pay union dues will be deleted, as required by PA 348 of 2012; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee and the Legislative and Human Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve a two-and-one-half-year labor agreement for the period of June 9, 2016 through December 31, 2018, between the County of Kent, the Sheriff, and the Kent County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Motion by Commissioner Mast, seconded by Commissioner Shroll, that the resolution be adopted.  
Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Jones, Bolter, Stek, Ponstein, Voorhees, Kallman, Brieve, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Talen, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Shroll, Chair Saalfeld – 19.

Nays: 0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### REPORTS

##### Lakeshore Regional Entity

Commissioner Mast: The Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) is working on the changes required under the new bylaws which specify additional board members. Kent County has two recommendations for the board members representing Kent County.

Commissioner Stek: The LRE will consider the recommendations for approval next week.

##### Veterans Stand Down

Commissioner Mast: On June 10, the Stand Down for Veterans will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital's Farmers Market. Healthcare for Homeless Vets hosts this event annually to distribute needed items to homeless and disadvantaged veterans.

##### Gerald R. Ford International Airport

Commissioner Morgan: The Airport will transition to an authority on July 1. There will be an Inauguration at the Airport at 1:00 p.m. with a formal celebration to be held at the Downtown Market on July 13.

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Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.

Commissioner Talen: Kris Larson, from Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc., will deliver the *State of Downtown* presentation at the Pyramid Scheme tonight at 5:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

Commissioner Chivis: Thanked the two individuals for speaking today during Public Comment. She had asked the Grand Rapids Pride Center to send transgender group representatives to speak at the meeting. This was done to contrast the image presented by the media with reality.

Health Department Kudos

Commissioner Chivis: Kudos to the Health Department on addressing the vapor issue. Staff have done a great job helping the displaced family.

Rock the Block

Commissioner Chivis: Invited all to the "Rock the Block" event this Saturday, June 11, which will be held on Madison Avenue.

Rockford Summer Celebration

Commissioner Jones: The Rockford Summer Celebration kicks off this Saturday with a parade.

Dispatch Surcharge

Commissioner Antor: Would like the Board of Commissioners to get a handle on how much is not being collected from phone lines and move for legislation compelling the collection of what is owed.

Freedom Cruise

Commissioner Antor: The Freedom Cruise runs next week Tuesday through Saturday, June 18. On Saturday, at the Veteran's Home, World War II and Korean Veterans will be honored. The Board of Commissioners will issue a proclamation at that event.

Dispatch Surcharge Report

Commissioner Morgan: Thanked the Millage Subcommittee for the Dispatch Surcharge Report. The interoperability component is very important.

Kudos to Emiel Chivis

Commissioner Ponstein: Congratulated Emiel Chivis (Commissioner Chivis' son) for completing Webelos and moving on to the Boy Scouts.

The Spoke Folks Fundraiser

Commissioner Ponstein: On Saturday, June 11, The Spoke Folks will host its annual fundraiser. This organization rehabilitates and distributes bicycles. The goal is 1,000 bicycles this year.

Kudos to State Legislators

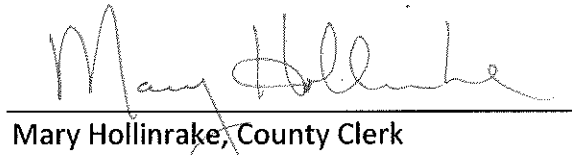
Commissioner Stek: Acknowledged Representative VerHeulen and legislators on fixing the Medicaid issue.

RendeZoo

Commissioner Voorhees: He invited everyone to RendeZoo on Friday, June 10, to help the Zoo celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 a.m., Commissioner Talen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, June 23, 2016, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski. Motion carried.

  
James R. Saalfeld, Chair  
Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk